

says something like this to it, or simply snatches it away from the mother and runs away with it, and then when it cries she gives it porridge. Then at last the mother takes snuff or some other bitter substance and sprinkles it on the breast after squeezing out a little milk; then the child sucks, finds it bitter, and cries, and its little nurse laughs at it and takes it away, saying, 'I told you so', and as it cries she adds, 'Be quiet, you shouldn't suck any more', and next time the child wants to suck they tell it that there is a worm on the breast, so she fears to suck, just sits by the mother's side and cries. They feed it with porridge, and then keep on like this until it no longer wishes to suck. . . .

"(c) I cannot speak definitely on this point, but am inclined to answer in the negative.

"(d) Briefly speaking, there is no latent period between the ages of six to twelve.¹ The small children of these ages, boys and girls, play together, and one of their games, called *mantlwane* ('little houses') consists in erecting miniature household enclosures; then they pair off, boys and girls, into couples and celebrate mock weddings, which end up with each couple going to its little enclosure and lying down together, and occasionally they both remove their loin-girdles and rub together their genitals, without of course achieving penetration. This game is played at night, when the parents can't see them. One of my informants, a young man, told me the other day that when he was a child of about nine or so his older brother, together with boys and girls of his age (i.e. thirteen to fifteen) used to get the smaller children at night, pair off the boys and girls, make the little boys lie on top of the girls, and then shout *e tsenye, e tsenye*, 'put it in, put it in' (referring of course to the penis). This is definite enough, I think, as a sign that infantile sexuality is never latent!

"Lastly I send a couple of threats sometimes uttered by their parents against disobedient children. When, e.g., a

small herdboy has allowed his cattle to go
 astray, ^{his} father
 may say to him . . . ' You have let your cattle
 stray, ^{it}
 must be your testicles making you like this, you
 want ^{to} be
 castrated, then perhaps you will listen, for when
 a ^{bull} goes
 about a lot it is castrated, or you want to have
 your ^{penis}
 removed or tied up, so that when it is sore you
 may ^{think} of
 your cattle, you thing with long swinging
 testicles/ And ^{to}
 girls they say . . . ' May your little vulva be
 sore, it

¹ I think there is probably some misunderstanding of
 the ^{character}
 of the latency period behind this negative statement,
 as ^{will} be ^{seen}
 by comparing my account of it in the text.—5.1.